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GENEALOGY
OF THE
SAMUEL BUCK FAMILY,
OF
PORTLAND, CONN.
TO THE YEAR 1894.

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PREFACE.

To gratify an inclination which has increased as age advances, I have undertaken the task of looking up the history of my ancestors, and putting it together for my own pleasure and more especially for the benefit of posterity.

ABBREVIATIONS : — *b.* stands for born . *bapt.* for baptized ;
m. for married ; *unm.* for unmarried ; *res.* for resides or re-
sided ; *d.* for died ; *ag.* for age ; *dau.* for daughter ; *chil.*
for children.

SKETCH OF THE SAMUEL BUCK FAMILY.

CONCERNING the ancestors of Samuel Buck, we are unable to get satisfactory account, as to records of names, births, marriages and dates, as clear as we would like. Some we shall have to get at by circumstances. We have supposed we belong to the family of Emanuel Buck, who was born 1623, settled in Weathersfield, Ct., and married Sarah —, by whom he had

EZEKIEL, *b.* Jan. 15, 1650.

JOHN, *b.* Nov. 30, 1650.

JONATHAN, *b.* April 8, 1655.

His second wife was Mary Kirby, daughter of John Kirby, of Hartford, Ct.; born 1637, married April 17, 1658, died Jan. 17, 1712. We find that John Kirby lived in Middletown, in 1670, and died 1671. Children of Emanuel and Mary :

MARY, *b.* April 1, 1659.

DAVID, *b.* April 3, 1667.

SARAH, *b.* April 1, 1669.

HANNAH, *b.* April 18, 1671.

ELIZABETH, *b.* June 4, 1676.

THOMAS, *b.* June 10, 1678.

ABIGAIL, *b.* Aug. 1, 1682.

EZEKIEL BUCK, born June 15, 1650, son of Emanuel and

Sarah married Rachel, daughter of John Andrews. Died May 3, 1713. Their children were

EZEKIEL, *b.* Feb. 2, 1676.

JOHN, *b.* July 23, 1679.

STEPHEN, *b.* Feb. 6, 1680.

ENOCH, *b.* Sept. 5, 1683.

EBENEZER, *b.* Sept. 2, 1697; *d.* Dec. 10, 1712.

(From Sketches of Southington.)

IN THE RECORDS AT HARTFORD.

Thomas Buck (of Weathersfield) married Deborah Hews (supposed of Guilford), Oct. 10, 1665, who had a son Thomas. In the church records at Middletown, we find that Thomas Buck and his wife Susannah, were admitted to full communion Nov. 15, 1702. They had a daughter Mary, who was admitted to full membership Nov. 13, 1715. Benjamin, son of Thomas and Susannah, had a daughter baptized Nov. 17, 1717. We find no record of the death of Susannah, wife of Thomas Buck, in the church records, but find that Thomas Buck and Sarah Judd, of Hartford (formerly of Farmington), were joined in marriage covenant May 12, 1709. Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Sarah his wife, born June 10, 1710; Thomas, son of Thomas and Sarah his wife, born Feb. 6, 1712; Mary, daughter of Thomas and Sarah his wife born Nov. 11, 1715; Ebenezer, son of Thomas Buck and Sarah his wife, born Nov. 11, 1717; John, son of Thomas and Sarah his wife, born March 24, 1721; died April 17, 1721-2.

EBENEZER BUCK, born Nov. 11, 1717, son of Thomas and Sarah (Judd) Buck, married Deborah Harris, of Lebanon, Nov. 16, 1743. Deborah, daughter of Ebenezer and Deborah (Harris) Buck, born Oct. 18, 1744.

We find in the Middletown records that John Kirby, formerly of Middletown, Ct., in his deed gave to his daughter, Mary Buck, wife of Enoch Buck, of Weathersfield, deceased, sundry pieces of land ; one hundred and thirty acres on the east side of the river, one-half to her son, Thomas Buck, the other to her four daughters : Sarah, wife of Benjamin Churchill ; Hannah, wife of John Fowler ; Elizabeth, now wife of Caleb Dudley ; Abigail, now wife of Samuel Arnold.

In an historical sermon preached by Rev John Bayne, pastor Congregational Church, Portland, July 9, 1876, it is stated that prior to 1700 there were but three houses in that part of Middletown lying on the east side of the river, now Portland. In 1710, nine other families joined them, and one was Thomas Buck. The Honorable Assembly, held at Hartford, May 13, 1714, granted the inhabitants in Middletown on the east side of the great river, liberty to be a society of themselves. Oct. 25, 1721, Daniel Newell was ordained pastor. Aug. 8, 1722, Noadiah Russell, Thomas Buck, Richard Gill, chosen committee of trust. March 20, 1722, Wm. Cornwall, Sr., and Jonathan Judd, tithing men. Daniel Newell was a native of Bristol, graduated at Yale, 1718 ; died 1731, aged 31. Jan. 12, 1712, it was voted to have a school at or near the house of Thomas Buck. March 8, 1736, James Buck, committee to order prudentials. Thomas Buck fence viewer.

In looking at the book of records we find some leaves are missing and others poorly kept so that we have to pass over some names and dates.

Thomas Buck must have been quite a landholder ; I find on the Middletown records, Joshua Gill deeded to Thomas Buck, Jan. 1707 ; John Sage to Thomas Buck, on the east side of the river, July, 1704 ; Nathan Andrews to Thomas Buck, Oct. 30, 1703. Thomas Buck sold to John Sage, July

5, 1705; Thomas Buck to Jonathan Judd, 1700; David Buck, of Weathersfield, to Giles Hall, June 15, 1734; Thomas Buck and Ann Buck, witnesses. There are 27 deeds given by Thomas Buck.

We have tried to find who was the father of Samuel Buck, who was born about 1730-5, and who married Hannah Wright for his second wife. Hannah was born 1737. We are of the opinion that Thomas and Sarah (Judd) Buck must be their grandparents.

ISAAC BUCK, a brother of Samuel, from Portland, was taken prisoner and died on board the prison ship *Old Jersey*, at New York, 1777. Samuel Buck, born about 1730, went to Vermont on business, and died very suddenly, supposed near White River Junction, about 1785 or '90. He married and had two children: Amos and Anna; Anna married — Belden, in Rocky Hill; they had no issue. Samuel Buck married for his second wife Hannah Wright, born 1737, died 1831, aged 94. She died with her son James in Portland. Samuel and Hannah (Wright) Buck had 13 children. We find by the church records that Peltiah was baptized April 3, 1763; Jeremiah, baptized March 20, 1764; Hannah, baptized Aug. 30, 1767, married David Brewer, and moved to Tunbridge, Vermont; Isaac, baptized Mar. 3, 1772; James, baptized Mar. 27, 1774, Polly, baptized Mar. 17, 1778, married Joel Ranney, and moved to Ohio. Samuel died young. Samuel, second, baptized May 3, 1779; Justus and Esther, twins, baptized Sept. 3, 1789. Justus died in Buffalo, New York, Esther married Ezekiel Goodrich; Betsey married Reuben Loveland, Rose and Sally have no record of marriage.

JEREMIAH BUCK, son of Samuel and Hannah (Wright) Buck, born in Portland, 1764; he died Sept. 8, 1834, aged

70. He married Polly Butler, born 1765; she died Sept. 3, 1813, aged 48. He was a house and ship joiner by trade. His house was on the east side of the meadows, on the hill; he did but very little farming, most of the time he worked at his trade. He moved to Stockbridge, Mass., about 1800, where he bought a farm about four miles north of the town, and four miles south of the town of Lenox, where he lived and died. The land there lies upon a bed of marble which is worked to a large extent about two miles east in the town of Lee. They had seven children, four born in Portland, three in Stockbridge. Gilbert, born Oct. 12, 1790. Polly married — Willard; Emily married Hiram Taylor and moved to Barre, Vermont; Electa, born 1797; died Mar. 19, 1816, aged 19; Caroline married — Ellis and moved to Vermont; Hattsel, born Mar. 1, 1800; Jeremiah, Jr., born in Stockbridge, Feb. 7, 1807. Gilbert, son of Jeremiah and Polly, born in Portland, Oct. 12, 1790, went with his father to Stockbridge; married Abigail Benton; they had six children: Frank H. married Ann Lester; Ransom married Elizabeth Hunt; George G. married — Gladstone; Augusta married F. Bliss; Ann married John Collins; Mary married Gilbert Bangs.

HATSEL BUCK, son of Jeremiah and Polly (Butler) Buck, born Mar. 1, 1800, married Harriet Dunn; they had seven children. Benjamin P. Buck married Margaret Harder; Benjamin and Margaret had two children. Children of Hattsel: George, Hattie, Catharine married Daniel Thorp; Hattsel married Anna Little; Ellen married Daniel Roberts; Albert A. married Lucinda —; Frank H. Buck, son of Hattsel and Abigail (Benton), married Ann Lester; their children: Katie and Abbie, twins, Orren C., Matilda, Edward.

JEREMIAH BUCK, son of Jeremiah and Polly (Butler) Buck, born Feb. 7, 1807, in the town of Stockbridge Mass., married Mariah S. Fairchilds who was born Sept. 15, 1810; was married Nov. 10, 1829; she died Oct. 5, 1835, aged 25. By this marriage they had two children, Emily S., born Sept. 27, 1830; she married Theodore Baldwin, Dec. 10, 1851; she died Jan. 9, 1891. They moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where the family still remain. Their children: Ethowin M. Baldwin, born Sept. 21, 1852; died Dec. 7, 1854; Theodore Baldwin, Jr., born April 10, 1857; married April 28, 1883, to Miss Sarah Flick.

ANDREW J. BALDWIN, son of Theodore and Emily S. (Buck) Baldwin, born April 24, 1866, married Feb. 24, 1892, Theresia M. Mengele, and resides No. 1155 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; a dealer in best brands of oils and gasoline.

ELECTA M. BUCK, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah S. (Fairchilds) Buck, born Sept. 11, 1833, in Stockbridge, Mass., married Edgar H. Coombs, Jan. 1, 1852. He died June 4, 1864. He was a soldier and lieutenant in the late Rebellion. Their children:

HORACE T.
EDGAR J.
CHARLES E.

Electa married for her second husband Henry L. Barnum, Nov. 30, 1865, by whom she had one daughter, Mata A. Barnum, born May 21, 1871. Henry L. Barnum died July 8, 1872.

HORACE T. COOMBS, son of Edgar H. and Electa M. (Buck) Coombs, born in Lee, Oct. 16, 1852; married Cinda M. Bowen, Sept. 12, 1874. They had one daughter and two sons.

EDGAR J. COOMBS, son of Edgar H. and Electa M. (Buck) Coombs, born in Lee, April 23, 1854; married Sara M. Cogswell, June 10, 1875, and had three sons and two daughters.

CHARLES E. COOMBS, son of Edgar H. and Electa M. (Buck) Coombs, born March 20, 1857; married Marilla Hutchinson, May 4, 1887.

Electa M. Barnum resides at 119 Elm Street, Pittsfield, Mass.

JEREMIAH BUCK, son of Jeremiah and Polly (Butler) Buck, married for his second wife Sarah A. Leffinwell, from Norwich, Ct. Their children :

ANSON, *b.* May 3, 1839.

JOHN M., *b.* March 21, 1844.

SARAH E., *b.* April 14, 1846; *m.* Frank A. Palmer.

ANDREW J., *b.* May 3, 1848.

JAMES K., *b.* March 13, 1850.

JANE H., *b.* Aug. 9, 1852; *m.* H. G. Parker.

ANSON BUCK, son of Jeremiah and Sarah A., born May 3, 1839; married Elizabeth E. Parker. He is a farmer and has a small farm about half a mile south of the depot on which he has built a large and commodious house, and keeps a number of city boarders in the summer, and with his large barns and several horses and carriages he can accommodate his boarders at all times with teams for driving. He is pleasantly situated on the main road to Great Barrington, and a few miles north of the noted Hopkins estate. The family of Anson Buck is one of the old settlers, as they settled there about one hundred years ago. He is one of the leading men of the town and always active and prominent in regard to the affairs of the town, and has served his fellow-

townsmen as assessor, board of relief, and in the General Court at Boston, in 1892. Their children :

CHARLES A.

FRANK A.

M. AMY.

LEWIS P.

JOHN M. BUCK, son of Jeremiah and Sarah A. (Leffinwell) Buck, born March 21, 1844; married Hattie Buck, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Harder) Buck. Their children : Clarence, born Oct. 16, 1881; Jesse, born Feb. 22, 1884; Clifford, born July 3, 1888. John M., carried on the butchering business for a number of years, afterwards bought a large farm and built a house about half a mile south of the village, and keeps a large number of cows and sheep.

ANDREW BUCK, son of Jeremiah and Sarah A. (Leffinwell) Buck, born May 3, 1848, married — Parker and lives about one mile south of the center of the town on the road to Great Barrington, at the fork of the road opposite where stood the great willow tree. It is said this tree grew from a riding stick which a Mr. — Goodrich, from Weathersfield, Ct., stuck in the earth in the year 1794. Before it was blown down it measured 32 feet around and the branches spread 115 feet. A part of his land is well adapted for corn and a part for grass. He has no children.

SARAH E. BUCK, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah A. (Leffinwell) Buck, born April 14, 1846; married Franklin Arnold Palmer, born April 11, 1843. Married at Stockbridge, Jan. 11, 1871. Their children :

ERNEST ARNOLD, *b.* Nov. 11, 1871.

CORA ETHEL, *b.* Mar. 21, 1874.

CLAYTON FRANKLIN, *b.* Aug. 6, 1876.

SARA LEFFINWELL, *b.* Sept. 17, 1879.

WALTER CURTIS, *b.* April 7 1882.

F. A. Palmer, a farmer, lives about two miles north of the center of the town of Stockbridge, and belongs to one of the families of the old settlers. He has one hundred acres of land and as good as there is in the town. It lies a little rising from the village, and has a very commanding view, and lies on a bed of marble, and as the marble lies in one solid mass there are no seams and no running water, consequently they have to bring their water from one of the hills. They have bored 125 feet, and at that depth did not get through the marble, so they got no water.

JANE HARRIET BUCK, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah A. (Leffinwell) Buck, born Aug. 7, 1852; married Hosea Duane Parker, born Nov. 5, 1845. Married at Stockbridge, Mass., Sept. 19, 1877. A farmer, and lives in the western part of the town of Lee. Their children:

MABEL IRENA, *b.* May 2, 1878; *d.* Aug. 23, 1878.

EDNA MAE, *b.* Aug. 20, 1879.

LEDA BELLE, *b.* July 3, 1881.

THERON DUANE, *b.* Sept. 26, 1883.

SARA LOUISA, *b.* July 31, 1888.

RAYMOND HOSEA, *b.* Jan. 25, 1882.

BENJAMIN BUCK, son of Hatsel and Harriet (Dunn) Buck, has two children: George, and Hattie who married John M. Buck, son of Jeremiah and Sarah A. (Leffinwell) Buck.

ISAAC BUCK, son of Samuel and Hannah (Wright) Buck, born in Portland; baptized March 3, 1772; married and went to Tunbridge, Vt. He had three children. Florilla, died in Hartford and buried in Portland in 1836-7; Harriet, moved to Lawrence, Mass.; Isaac, son of Isaac, married and died in East Randolph, Vt. He had one son, George, and two daughters—Lary and Cornelia.

JAMES BUCK, son of Samuel and Hannah (Wright) Buck,

born in Portland, 1774; died Jan. 8, 1838; aged 63. His father died leaving a large family of children. He was put out, until he was sixteen, with farmer Enoch Sage, who owned one of the largest farms in the town, lying on the east side of the meadows, the house standing opposite what is known as the large elm tree. One time farmer Sage let him go with him to the town meeting; when he came home he asked him if he saw anything that was not right (they did not check their names then as they do now), he said Mr. — went around twice. When he was about sixteen he was thinking of learning the carpenter's trade: about this time he spent some evenings in his brother's shop. One morning farmer Sage found a hand-sled at the door. He saw it was not very strong so he put a back log on it to draw it into the house and it broke down; when he got the fire well going, he went to the chamber door and called Jim to get up and when he heard him coming he put the sled on the fire. When he saw it on the fire he looked very sorry. Farmer Sage asked him if he made it, he said he did; farmer Sage told him he was not fit to learn a trade if he could not make a sled that would hold a back log. Farmer Sage told him to take time and see if he could make a sled that would hold a back log. A few days after he brought one home. Farmer Sage said that would do; he could go and learn the trade. He lived when there was a direct tax for the support of the preaching of the gospel and now they pay by law indirectly for the support of the gospel. A part of the so-called Blue Laws have been repealed and a part remain. James Buck was one who did not believe it was right to be obliged to support a religion that he did not believe in, and he with several others had their cows attached and sold at the whipping post to pay for the support of the gospel. He was a man very conscientious in doing what he thought to be right; a trait that has

come down to his children. He learned the trade of house and ship joiner with his brother Jeremiah (who afterwards moved to Stockbridge, Mass.); he married Ruth Matson, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Goodrich, born Nov. 18, 1745; married Jan. 14, 1767) Matson, of Glastonbury, Dec. 24, 1795; she was born Feb. 2, 1776, died Aug. 12, 1857; age 81. James Buck, born 1774, died Jan. 8, 1838; age 63. He settled in the north-east part of the town; it was heavily wooded at that time. He built a saw mill and carried on a lumber business, there being a good deal of chestnut timber. He furnished a good many house and barn frames in the city of Middletown. He sawed a good deal of ship timber and ship plank, as at that time there was one Charles Churchill who built a number of vessels on the river two miles west. He built a blacksmith shop and carriage shop; he and his oldest son, Erastus, were the first builders of carriages in the town; he invented several patents, one for shelling corn, one for working butter, one for washing, one for cutting feed for cattle, a gouge for turning wood. This was when he had to take his horse and travel to Washington. We find that this family of Bucks were mostly mechanics. Children of James and Ruth (Matson) Buck:

ALMIRA, *b.* Oct. 9, 1796; *d.* Jan. 24, 1819.

ERASTUS, *b.* Aug. 13, 1797; *d.* Aug. 1839.

SAMUEL, *b.* Jan. 7, 1801; *d.* Dec. 10, 1881. ✓

THOMAS M., *b.* Nov. 27, 1802; *d.* Apr. 9, 1864.

BARNARD B., *b.* Jan. 13, 1805; *d.* Mar. 28, 1875.

RUTH M., *b.* Mar. 22, 1807; *d.* —, 1885.

ADALINE, *b.* Oct. 14, 1809.

FRANCES, *b.* Oct. 29, 1812; *d.* Nov. 5, 1815.

JAMES F., *b.* Dec. 8, 1814; *d.* Nov. 28, 1888; *ag.* 73.

JUSTUS, *b.* Mar. 20, 1817; *d.* Feb. 12, 1837.

FANNY A., *b.* Aug. 9, 1819.

HORACE B., *b.* Oct. 15, 1822.

ALMIRA BUCK, born Oct. 9, 1796; died Jan. 24, 1819; married Roswell Wells. Almira Wells, daughter of Roswell and Almira, born July 30, 1817; married George Peters, of Hebron, born Dec. 12, 1797; married Sept. 1, 1837; died Mar. 15, 1881, age 83. Children: Elisabeth, born June 25, 1858; George Otis Peters, born June 17, 1860; died Aug. 25, 1888.

ELISABETH PETERS, daughter of George and Almira, married Seth D. Clark, of Middletown, born June 13, 1853; married Nov. 3, 1875. Children of Seth D. Clark and Elisabeth (Peters) Clark:

GEORGE PETERS, *b.* Oct. 27, 1876.

ADA BLANCHE, *b.* Aug. 11, 1879.

ELTON ELMORE, *b.* Nov. 22, 1881.

ERASTUS BUCK, son of James and Ruth (Matson) Buck, born Aug. 13, 1797; died Aug. 1839; married Eunice Wells, born 1800; died 1856. He was a carriage maker by trade and, with his father, built the first carriages that were made in the town of Portland. For several years he went South, winters, where he employed a number of hands in Wilmington, North Carolina. He died on his way home, in the city of New York. Their children:

SILAS, *b.* Aug. 20, 1818.

GEORGE M., *b.* Nov. 15, 1826.

HENRY EVERETT, *b.* March 18, 1831.

CHARLOTTE, *m.* Henry Dyer, Springfield, Mass.

SILAS BUCK, born Aug. 20, 1818, son of Erastus and Eunice (Wells) Buck, was a carriage maker by trade; went, with his father, south several years. He married Prudence Clarissa Norton, of Hebron, where he went into business in 1844; afterwards he moved to Middle Haddam, and then to

Harford. Later he went to live with his son in Boston, Mass. Their children:

DORLISKI E., *b.* Jan. 1, 1843; *m.* Dr. Nathan D. Parker, Boston.

ALICE A., *b.* May 26, 1845; *m.* Daniel E. Penfield, Warren, Mass.

KATIE C., *b.* Feb. 14, 1847; *m.* Wm. S. Baker, Washington, D. C.

EFFIE E., *b.* May 28, 1857; *m.* Royal H. Bussler, Williamsport, Pa.

CHARLES H. W. E., *b.* Mar. 31, 1861.

EUNICE E., *b.* Aug. 3, 1862; *m.* Charles A. De Land, Warren, Mass.

CHARLES H. W. E., son of Silas and Prudence C. Buck, born in Middle Haddam, town of Chatham, Ct., Mar. 31, 1861, moved to Boston, Mass.; married Margaret McKinzie, and carried on business of general painting at No. 292 Harrison Avenue. Their children:

NORTON PENFIELD, *b.* Jan. 24, 1885.

MARGARET CLARISSA, *b.* Oct. 20, 1892.

GEORGE M. BUCK, son of Erastus and Eunice (Wells) Buck, born in Portland Nov. 15, 1826: in the fall of 1839 went to Wilmington, N. C., and staid through the winter: came back in the spring and went to live with farmer Samuel Skinner in Hebron; in the year 1840 married Emily G. Phelps, born Apr. 16, 1832, by whom he had eight children:

WARREN P., *b.* Mar. 2, 1853.

JOHN W., *b.* Nov. 28, 1855.

MARY LILLIAN, *b.* Sept. 3, 1859; *m.* Andrew Gilbert, July 29, 1878; *d.* Aug. 13, 1880.

LUCY A., *b.* Aug. 23, 1862; *m.* B. F. Ball, Sept. 7, 1880.

G. SHERMAN, *b.* July 3, 1865.

E. EUNICE, *b.* July 15, 1869; *d.* Aug. 15, 1887.

FRANCES IDA, *b.* June 28, 1871; *m.* Arthur W. Buell, Aug. 3, 1892.

CLINTON ERASTUS, *b.* Aug. 18, 1873.

WARREN P., son of George and Emily G. (Phelps) Buck, born in Hebron, Mar. 2, 1853; married Lillian B. Taylor, born Aug. 2, 1865; married Nov. 7, 1885.

HENRY EVERETT BUCK, son of Erastus and Eunice, born in Portland, Ct., Mar. 18, 1831. After his father died he went to live with farmer Phelps in Hebron; when he left farmer Phelps he took up card writing, and had writing schools winters and was the leading card writer in New England for forty years. He married Jane P. Scott, of New Brunswick, May 22, 1862, born Aug. 24, 1830. He bought a farm in Columbia, Ct., in 1863; sold in 1881, and moved to Worcester Mass., and built a house at No. 104 Chandler Street, where he now resides. Children of Henry Everett and Jane P. Buck:

CHARLOTTE ANN, *b.* April 22, 1863; *b.* 6 P. M.

MARY JANE, *b.* Dec. 25, 1864; *b.* 11.30 P. M.

FLORA EUNICE, *b.* Jan. 5, 1868; *b.* 8.30 P. M.

SAMUEL BUCK, son of James and Ruth (Matson) Buck, born in Portland, Ct., Jan. 7, 1801; died Dec. 10, 1881; married Harriet Butler, died April 28, 1883; moved to Moscow Pa., 1834. He was a carpenter and millwright by trade. Their children:

EMILY E., *b.* Feb. 12, 1824; *m.* Elias Marsters.

SAMUEL BUTLER, *b.* Oct. 2, 1825.

JEREMIAH W., *b.* Sept. 30, 1827.

HARRIET M., *b.* Nov. 6, 1829; *d.* 1831.

ISAAC N., *b.* Feb. 8, 1832.

MARY, *b.* July 22, 1834.

SARAH, *b.* Nov. 23, 1835; *m.* — Vale.

ELIZA ANN, *b.* Feb. 7, 1839.

FRANCIS L. *d.* young.

HARRIET, *b.* Sept. 18, 1843.

HORACE, *b.* Feb. 14, 1848, *d.* young.

EMILY E., daughter of Samuel and Harriet (Butler) Buck, born Feb. 12, 1824; married Elias Marsters Moscow, Pa. They have two boys, one girl.

SARAH BUCK, daughter of Samuel and Harriet, born Nov. 23, 1836; married — Yale. Lives at Square Top, Wyoming Co., Pa. Sarah had one daughter married a man by the name of Stark. She died in 1891 leaving five children.

ELIZA ANN BUCK, daughter of Samuel and Harriet, born Feb. 7, 1839; married Selden Ruple, died. He left one son who lives in Scranton,—his name Selden Ruple. Her second husband, Frederick Miller. They have one son, Ernest Miller, born Oct., 1872. They live at Daleville, Lackawanna Co., Pa.

HARRIET BUCK, daughter of Samuel and Harriet, born Sept. 18, 1843; married — Reynolds, and lives at Kitchalson, Wyoming Co., Pa. They have three children. Emma, —, the youngest Oscar.

SAMUEL BUTLER BUCK, son of Samuel and Harriet, born Oct. 2, 1825, in Portland, Ct., went with his father to Moscow, Pa., in 1834, carpenter and millwright by trade, married Marilla Corey, June 29, 1862. She was born May 3, 1838, and lived at Pierceville, Wyoming Co., Pa. They have five children:

CHARLES W., *b.* Nov. 29, 1862.

METTA A., *b.* June 10, 1865; *d.* April 2, 1866.

ROBERT M., *b.* Feb. 2, 1867.

PERMELIA E., *b.* July 7, 1870; *m.* Myron Oakley.

CORA A., *b.* Feb. 18, 1881.

CHARLES W., son of Samuel Butler and Marilla (Corey) Buck, born Nov. 29, 1862; married Hattie Porter.

JEREMIAH WRIGHT BUCK, son of Samuel and Harriet (Butler) Buck, born in Portland Ct. Sept. 30., 1827; moved with his father to Moscow, Pa., 1834; married Sarah Lewis, born in Wales, 1850. They have four children: William, John, George, Sarah.

ISAAC NEWTON BUCK, son of Samuel and Harriet (Butler) Buck, born in Portland, Ct., Feb. 18, 1832; died June 15, 1893; went with his father to Moscow, Pa., in 1834. Worked with his father as millwright and carpenter. He married Diantha Lateer, Feb., 1860, and moved to Bucklin, Linn Co., Mo., 1867, where he bought 148 acres of land and worked part at farming and carpentering. Children:

FLORENCE A., *b.* Nov. 29, 1861; *d.* July 29, 1864.

IRA NEWTON, *b.* Dec. 5, 1864.

SOLOMON A., *b.* Sept. 9, 1867; *d.* Sept. 19, 1887.

CORA A., *b.* Nov. 27, 1869.

SARAH EDNA, *b.* June 2, 1872; *m.* Samuel E. White, Dec. 12, 1892.

SAMUEL M., *b.* Feb. 17, 1875.

GEORGE S., *b.* May 29, 1881.

IRA NEWTON BUCK, son of Isaac Newton and Diantha (Lateer) Buck, born Dec. 5, 1864, in Pierceville, Pa; carpenter by trade, and farmer; went with his father to Bucklin, Linn Co., Mo., 1867; married Mary B. Furgurson, March 12, 1889.

THOMAS MATSON BUCK, son of James and Ruth (Matson) Buck, born Nov. 27, 1802; died April 19, 1864; age 61. Married Polly B. Brewer, daughter David and Hannah Brewer; Polly B. died Aug. 1, 1881; age 76. They moved to Ohio in 1828, came back in 1829, and settled in Tun-

bridge, Vt., afterward in East Bethel, where he died. He was a blacksmith, and always worked at his trade. Their children :

MARTHA JANE, *b.* April 22, 1829.

JAMES H., *b.* April 22, 1831.

DAVID BREWER, *b.* Nov. 23, 1833.

THOMAS E., *b.* May 8, 1836.

JUSTUS G., *b.* Jan. 8, 1839; *d.* Oct. 31, 1855.

ERASTUS H., *b.* Mar. 16, 1847; *d.* April 1, 1864.

JAMES H. BUCK, son of Thomas M. and Polly (Brewer) Buck, born in Tunbridge, Vt., May 22, 1831, farmer; married Martha Langee, in South Royalton, Vt., born Sept. 18, 1832; died Feb. 21, 1858. They had one child Martha M., born Feb. 18, 1858; died April 23, 1858. Married for his second wife, Mary J. Tenney, April 8, 1860. Their children :

LILLIE M., *b.* May 24, 1862; *m.* Fred M. Hudson, Worcester, Mass.,

WILLIAM B., *b.* Jan. 28, 1864; *d.* July 11, 1864.

PHILANDER E., *b.* Dec. 20, 1865.

JAMES E., *b.* Sept. 12, 1870; *d.* Nov. 12, 1870.

ALICE G., *b.* April 1, 1872.

MARTHA M., *b.* Dec. 13, 1873.

DAVID BREWER BUCK, son of Thomas M. and Polly B., born Nov. 23, 1833, in Tunbridge, Vt.; went to New Haven, Ct., in 1852, and learned the carriage trade. Went back and went into business in East Bethel, Vt.; married Sarah Mariah Hanks, born Aug. 14, 1838; married Feb. 28, 1858, died June 27, 1889. Their children :

AZRO H., *b.* Jan. 5, 1859; *d.* May 27, 1865.

JUSTUS H., *b.* Sept. 10, 1860.

EUGENE H., *b.* Aug. 18, 1862; *d.* June 8, 1863.

CHARLES H., *b.* Jan. 9, 1867.

JOHN H., *b.* June 14, 1870, *d.* June 22, 1877.

RANSOM H., *b.* March 5, 1879.

JUSTUS H. BUCK, son of David B. and Sarah Mariah (Hanks) Buck, born Sept. 10, 1860, married Alice Narcissa Hibbard, Nov. 4, 1884; she was born Aug. 23, 1862. Their children:

MYRON JUSTUS, *b.* July 28, 1887.

LIDA ALICE, *b.* Dec. 30, 1888.

THOMAS E. BUCK, son of Thomas M. and Polly (Brewer) Buck, born May 8, 1836, in Tunbridge, Vt., studied medicine at Dartmouth, N. H., and started to practice in Portland, Ct., in 1860; in 1862 was appointed assistant surgeon, battalion Connecticut cavalry, which was increased to the first regiment. He served three years, and in 1865 married Elizabeth Snyder, of Charlestown, W. Va. He settled a short time in Portland, Ct., where Albert H. was born, Nov. 28, 1866; he moved to a farm near Martinsburg, W. Va., where Dudley E. Buck was born, Dec. 26, 1870. Soon after he settled at St. Louis, Mo., where Albert H. graduated a mining engineer, at Washington University, Cumberland, class of 1892. Dudley E. Buck graduated at Marion Sims Medical College, Mar. 28, 1893, with honorable mention. He was appointed assistant surgeon at the City Hospital soon after.

BARBARA B. BUCK, son of James and Ruth (Matson) Buck, settled in the north-east part of Portland, where he was born, and built a house in what was called Buck Hollow. He worked with his father, lumbering and getting house and barn frames. He worked several years as ship carpenter, later he bought the farm that was his father's, and when not able to work it, he sold out, and resided and died in Middletown. He was born Jan. 13, 1805; died Mar. 28, 1875;

married Desire Brown, who died Dec. 29, 1890. Their children :

MARY JANE, *b.* April 19, 1827 ; *m.* Luther Savage.
DAVID B., *b.* Jan. 7, 1831 ; *d.* April 28, 1876.

DAVID B. BUCK, son of Barnard B. and Desire (Brown) Buck, born Jan. 7, 1831 ; died April 28, 1876 ; married Emma Treadway, in Middletown. Their children ; Jennie E., born April 14, 1855 ; married James A. Taylor, son of James H. and Mary Jane (Stillman) Taylor.

CHARLES P., *b.* April 26, 1860.
ERNEST D., *b.* Feb. 10, 1862.

CHARLES P. BUCK, born April, 29, 1860, son of David B. and Emma (Treadway) Buck. Their children :

ERNEST DEAN, *b.* Feb. 25, 1885.
DAVID BROWN, *b.* April 5, 1887.
MARGARET, *b.* March 20, 1889.
RUSSELL P., *b.* Feb. 7, 1891.
DUDLEY VINTON, *b.* July 30, 1892.

ERNEST D. BUCK, son of David B. and Emma (Treadway) Buck, born Feb. 10, 1862, in the city of Middletown ; married Elizabeth Carpenter, Nov. 3, 1887, born in Coventry, England, daughter of John and Rebecca (Dix) Carpenter, they have one child, Florence E. Buck, born Aug. 5 1888.

SAMUEL BUCK, son of Samuel and Hannah (Wright) Buck, born 1779, married Ruth Goodrich. He was a house and ship carpenter. Children : Florilla, married Daniel Lincoln, of Middletown ; Nancy, joined the Shakers, afterwards came back, went to Wilmington, N. C., and married ; Isaac died Jan. 20, 1829, was a tinsmith. Anson married and went to New Haven,—tinsmith by trade ;

Reuben married Julia Cornwall, had one son Edward ; Amy married Timothy L. Guess, had one daughter ; Malinda went to Wilmington, N. C. ; Edward was a carpenter, went South and died ; John was a carpenter, died with consumption about 1839 ; Hannah married Anson Hale and moved to Marlborough ; Sally and Daniel died when about eight years old ; Samuel settled in the north-east part of the town of Portland, worked at his trade most of the time. He died about 1840.

RUTH MARIA BUCK, daughter of James and Ruth (Matsou) Buck, born in Portland, Ct., March 22, 1807, died May 10, 1885 ; married Gurden Taylor, Sept. 16, 1828 (son of Jonathan and Betsey Taylor, of Lebanon), who was born July 3, 1798, died Jan. 30, 1879. Their children :

MYRA MARANDA, *b.* June 19, 1828.

JOHN SHERMAN, *b.* Aug. 24, 1830.

MARIA, *b.* June 23, 1833 ; *d.* July 3, 1833.

ADALINE MARIA, *b.* Aug. 17, 1834.

FANNY, *b.* Jan. 21, 1837 ; *d.* Nov. 3, 1838.

ELIZABETH VASHTY, *b.* April 24, 1839.

JAMES GORDON, *b.* Nov. 6, 1842.

GILBERT, *b.* Dec. 12, 1845.

ELLEN, *b.* April 25, 1849 ; *d.* May 4, 1849.

JOHN SHERMAN TAYLOR, son of Gurden and Ruth (Buck) Taylor, born in Portland, Ct., Aug. 24, 1830 ; married Sarah Elsie Cone, Jan. 17, 1851, daughter of Maria Brockway Cone. They had one son, Henry. Sarah Elsie died 1858. His second wife, Lydia Emma Porter, married Nov. 12, 1866 ; daughter of Sabin and Mary Porter. Children :

LILLIAN ESTELLA, *b.* Aug. 15, 1868.

BERTHA, *b.* Oct. 27, 1869.

GEORGE MONROE, *b.* Jan. 18, 1871.

LOUISA, *b.* Jan. 8, 1876.

ADALINE MARIA TAYLOR, daughter of Gurden and Ruth (Buck) Taylor, born Aug. 17, 1834, died March 21, 1885; married William H. Evans, son of Harvey and Adaline (Buck) Evans, born Dec. 7, 1829; he died Dec. 14, 1880. Had two children :

WILBER, E., *b.* July 25, 1853.

ELLEN ELIZABETH, *b.* July 22, 1871.

ELIZABETH V. TAYLOR, daughter of Gurden and Ruth (Buck) Taylor, born April 24, 1839; married William Y. Otis, July 14, 1862, son of Selden Erastus and Elizabeth Otis, of Middletown, Ct. Children :

WILLIAM, *d.* April 21, 1886.

LEWIS TAYLOR, *b.* July 3, 1864; *d.* Jan. 17, 1866.

ERWIN LEWIS, *b.* May 2, 1869, in Southington, Ct.

GILBERT TAYLOR, born Dec. 12, 1845, son of Gurden and Ruth (Buck) Taylor; married, July 1, 1882, Jessie McKay, daughter of August and Isabel McKay. Children :

MYRA ISABEL, *b.* Sept. 5, 1888.

LORAIN GILBERT, *b.* Jan. 4, 1891; *d.* Mar. 1892.

HELEN MAY, *b.* April 10, 1893, in Southington, Ct.

JAMES G. TAYLOR, son of Gurden and Ruth (Buck) Taylor, born Nov. 6, 1842; married Adelia M. Miner, daughter of William H. and Rhoda (Hart) Miner, April 13, 1865. Their children :

ERNEST W., *b.* Dec. 25, 1866; *m.* June 1, 1890,
Grace Smith, daughter of Robert R. and
Mary (Bronson) Smith.

MARY ADELIA, *b.* March 7, 1893.

FRED M., *b.* Nov. 12, 1868.

RUTH ALICE, *b.* Sept. 18, 1876.

ADALINE A. (Buck) EVANS, born Oct. 14, 1809, daughter

of James and Ruth (Matson) Buck; married Harvey Evans, March 12, 1827. Their children:

WILLIAM H., *b.* Dec. 7, 1827; *d.* Dec. 14, 1880; *m.* Adaline M. Taylor, daughter of Gurden and Ruth (Buck) Taylor, Dec. 7, 1852.

ISAAC B., *b.* Dec. 20, 1828; *m.* Maria Grover.

MARTHA E., *b.* Feb. 5, 1832; *d.* June 19, 1854.

RUTH A., *b.* Feb. 15, 1834; *m.* Mills Levy Lamb, son of Henry and Lucy Lamb.

JAMES H., *b.* Aug. 21, 1837; *m.* Mary M. Hamilton, *d.* July 6, 1877.

DAVID H., *b.* Jan. 11, 1840.

ADALINE L., *b.* July 8, 1842; *m.* Charles W. Rand, son of William and Phebe A.

HORACE F., *b.* July 6, 1844; *m.* Margaret M. Conner.

ZACKERY T., *b.* June 16, 1846; *d.* Jan. 16, 1848.

JANE E., *b.* April 13, 1850; *m.* George H. Pulver, son of Henry and Abbie Pulver.

HORACE F. EVANS, son of Harvey and Adaline (Buck) Evans, born July 6, 1844; married Margaret M. Conner, born in Waterford, Ireland, Aug. 23, 1851. Married Jan. 15, 1870, daughter of Edward and Mary (Kiley) Conners. Their children:

FRANKLIN HORACE, *b.* Dec. 31, 3.15 A. M., 1870.

EDWARD HARVEY, *b.* 2 A. M. Sept. 14, 1872; *d.* May 23, 1873.

CHARLES, *b.* 8 A. M. Aug. 4, 1874; *d.* Dec. 11, 1880.

JULIAN OLIVER, *b.* 10 A. M. Jan. 15, 1876.

JANE AMELIA, *b.* 8 A. M. Sept. 23, 1878.

MARY ADALINE, *b.* 10 P. M. Aug. 19, 1880.

WILLIAM HENRY, *b.* 7 A. M. Oct. 12, 1883.

GEORGE EDWARD, *b.* 12 P. M. Aug. 12, 1885.

HARVEY, *b.* 10 A. M. March 25, 1882.

Horace F. Evans is foreman of the heel department, Bay

State Shoe and Leather Co., Worcester, Mass., has been there about thirty years ; resides at 315 Shrewsbury Street.

JAMES F. BUCK, son of James and Ruth (Matson) Buck, born Dec. 8, 1814 ; died Nov. 29. 1888 ; married Adaline Taylor, March 2, 1836, daughter of Russell and Betsey (Brewer) Taylor. He was a carriage maker by trade, and went to Wilmington, N. C., in the winter of 1833-4 ; moved to South Glastonbury in the spring of 1837, and carried on the business until the spring of 1841, when he moved back to Portland and carried on the business, in the shops built by his father, until Feb. 15, 1844, when he sold out to his brother, H. B. Buck, and then followed farming and saw-milling. He was a natural born mechanic, and had a great many original ideas. He was one that could not understand why it took three to make one or one to make three ; he was of the opinion that all things are governed by natural law and that man could not change it, and that such a thing as a miracle never existed, and that it was folly to pray to an unknown God. He was one that believed in free thought that bids us enter, explore, investigate, and when we dig out a fact it quietly whispers to our intelligence, Stand by that fact. Their children :

ADELAIDE E., *b.* Dec. 31, 1837.

JAMES RUSSELL, *b.* June 16, 1840.

HANCY, *d.* young.

WILBER E., *b.* June 22, 1845.

HARVEY T., *b.* Aug. 12, 1847.

ELLEN M., *b.* Nov. 26, 1850.

ADELAIDE E. BUCK, daughter of James F. and Adaline (Taylor) Buck, born Dec. 31, 10.30 P. M., 1837 : married Horace H. Bigelow, June 1, 1859, born in Marlborough,

Mass. June 2, 1827, son of Levi and Naucy (Ames) Bigelow. They have three children :

ADELAIDE FRANCES, *b.* Dec. 24, 7.30 P. M., 1860.

IRVING E., *b.* Nov. 11, 4 A. M., 1862.

FRANCIS H., *b.* in Worcester, Feb. 8, 12 M., 1875.

Graduated from Worcester High School, June 28, 1894, and entered Harvard University, Sept. 27, 1894.

ADELAIDE FRANCES, daughter of Horace Holly, and Adelaide E. (Buck) Bigelow, born in Mariborough, Mass., Dec. 24, 7.30 P. M., 1860; married George A. Stevens, June 23, 1886; resides in Worcester.

IRVING E. BIGELOW, son of Horace H. and Adelaide E. (Buck) Bigelow, born in Trenton, N. J., Nov. 11, 4 A. M., 1862; married Nov. 17, 1887, Lillian A. Drennan, of Worcester, Mass. born Feb. 2, 1866, daughter of James M. Drennan. They have three children :

CHESTER ELLSWORTH, *b.* May 13, 1889, 8.15 A. M.

HORACE HOLLY, *b.* June 1, 1892, 4.45 P. M.,

— — —, girl, *b.* June 8, 1894, 4.30 A. M.

JAMES RUSSEL BUCK, son of James F. and Adaline (Taylor) Buck, born in Glastonbury, Ct., June 6, 1840; died July 24, 1865 in Trenton, N. J., where he was engaged as superintendent of a shoe factory; married Elizabeth Richmond. They had one child, Marion E., died Aug. 31, 1892.

WILBER ELLSWORTH BUCK, son of James F. and Adaline (Taylor) Buck, born June 6, 1845; died Aug. 22, 1891. A superintendent of shoe factory at Brooklyn, N. Y. Married Henrietta L. Brewer, of Worcester. They had two children :

ELIDA, *d.*

WILLETTA, *d.*

HARVEY TAYLOR BUCK, son of James F. and Adaline (Taylor) Buck, born in Portland, Ct., Aug. 12, 1847; married Anna A. Brewer, of Worcester, Mass. He is superintendent of factory in Worcester, Mass. Children :

JAMES B., *b.* Oct. 21, 1868.

ERNEST E., *b.* Sept. 14, 1873.

H. CHALBERT, *b.* July 13, 1875.

ALICE A., *b.* Dec. 28, 1883.

ELLEN MARIA BUCK, born Nov. 26, 1850, daughter of James F. and Adaline (Taylor) Buck; married Charles E. Rich, of South Graftonbury, son of Lyman and Betsey Rich, born April 21, 1847. Children :

RUSSEL BUCK, *b.* June 11, 1867; *m.* May Dorothy Sherwood, June 21, 1894, *dau.* of Washington Sherwood, of Sing Sing, N. Y.

CORA A., *b.* May 3, 1870.

CHARLES LESTER, *b.* April 22, 1881.

BLANCHE E., *b.* Dec. 13, 1872.

EARL F., *b.* April 21, 1885.

FANNY A. BUCK, daughter of James and Ruth (Matson) Buck, born Aug. 9, 1819; married Joseph Goodrich, from Rocky Hill, son of Levi and Nancy Goodrich. Joseph died March 27, 1880, aged 66. Children :

HENRY SHERMAN, *b.* Jan. 12, 1838; *m.* Irene Rich, from Glastonbury, *dau.* of Lyman, *d.* Jan. 23, 1875.

ELIZA, *b.* June 9, 1841.

SOPHIA, *b.* Jan. 1, 1847; *d.* Oct. 4, 1849.

GORDON S., *b.* July 23, 1854.

GORDON S. GOODRICH, son of Joseph and Fanny A. (Buck) Goodrich, born in Portland, Ct., July 23, 1854; married Mary Amelia Pendleton, daughter of Henry and

Mary Pendleton in Middlefield, May 29, 1874. She was born Sept. 22, 1859, 3 P. M., at Bantam Falls, Ct. Children :

JOSEPH HENRY, *b.* 2 A. M. Oct. 9, 1881, in Portland.

ERNEST SHERMAN, *b.* 1 A. M. April 4, 1885.

ELSIE MARION, *b.* 9 A. M. Oct. 13, 1890; *d.* Dec. 12, 1891

HORACE B. BUCK, son of James and Ruth (Matson) Buck, born in Portland, Ct., Oct. 15, 1822. His father died when he was fifteen and he was left to care for himself. After staying with his sister Fanny until the Spring of 1839, he went to South Glastonbury to learn the carriage trade of his brother James, where he remained two years, and then with his brother removed to Portland. Feb. 15, 1844, he bought out the business. March 2, 1845, he married Eliza A. Hall, daughter of Abner and Eliza (Butler) Hall, who was born in Portland, Nov. 21, 1823. They went to house-keeping in a place they call Buck Hollow. Dec. 3 they moved to a place he bought of R. U. Richmond, which is on the same stream of water about one mile west, where he carried on a large and extensive business, and his was the only carriage shop in the town. He also had a large iron foundry and manufactured plows quite extensively, and made a success in the business, and in April, 1860, when his two boys died with the scarlet fever, and he came very near dying with the same disease, he sold out his business. December 10 he moved into Mrs. McCleves house, in Pecowset, and bought out the grocery store of Capt. John McCleve. In 1861, he moved to the centre of the town into the old Post Office building, where he had quite a large grocery trade, and when the war broke out and there was a call for three hundred thousand men, there was a man by the name of Smith that offered to go for him and he paid three hun-

dred and twenty-five dollars and was the first man sent from the town. After making a success in the grocery trade, and having several thousand dollars trusted out, he sold his business to Dr. T. E. Buck, in 1866. November, 1867, he went to Worcester, Mass., as agent of a co-operative store. Afterward, in 1876, he built a carriage shop at 68 Chandler Street, where he did a successful business. He retired from business in 1888, making his shop into four tenements, with others making eighteen. He has built a house at 98 Chandler Street, where he expects to spend his remaining days. It is on one of the principal streets of the city. The street is well paved with granite, and only three minutes walk from the new Post Office, which is one of the handsomest in the State. The electric cars pass eight times an hour. There are five churches within two minutes' walk. Children of H. B. and Eliza A. Buck :

MARTHA E., *b.* Dec. 31, 1845 ; *d.* Sept. 1, 1848.
OLIN H., *b.* Aug. 9, 1853 ; *d.* April 24, 1860.
EARL A., *b.* Sept. 1, 1857 ; *d.* April 14, 1860

The land on which the house stands is a part of that given to the city by the late George Jaques, which was worth to the city about two hundred thousand dollars. His lot contains 4,339 feet; bought Aug. 20, 1886, at forty cents per foot. He was told when a young man, by a man of close observation, to always remember that sincerity was no test of truth.

Having started in the world with no one to help me, and having had a little experience in the world, I would say to my young friends,—be honest, be faithful in whatever you undertake. Never be called upon three times for a bill due ; never contract a debt with no means of paying it. If you want a little credit of the butcher, grocer, or to hire a tene-

ment, or borrow a little money, do not be hanging around the beer saloon or go with a cigarette or cigar in your mouth, or go to the theatre more than three times a week, or hire a horse to ride out on Sunday more than four times a month. A word to the older ones. If the grocer, butcher, landlord or money lender should not receive his pay the day it is due, and hears the sound of the hammer or the handsaw from seven in the morning until six at night, wait on him a little longer. If you find he is hanging around the rum shop, call in your money, tell him some one wants the tenement, and trust him no more.

SKETCH OF THE FAMILY OF THOMAS MATSON, JR.

I find in the Glastonbury two hundred years' centennial discourse, by Alonzo B. Chapin, that Thomas Matson came from Middletown, Ct., and settled in the south-east part of Glastonbury about 1732; his ancestors came from Ireland. He married Rachel, daughter of Ebenezer Fox, and had eight children. Amos was enrolled in the militia, 1777; Amos, Jr., 1779; Thomas, Jr., 1779. In 1759 it was voted to have a school near the house of Thomas Matson. In an old will we find that Thomas Matson, "give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Hannah." (I think must be his second wife.) And the will says there were eight children: three sons—Amos, Thomas, Jr., and Joseph; and five daughters—Rachel and Abby, unmarried; Mabel, born 1739; married Nathaniel Hollister, Oct. 29, 1754; died Sept. 26, 1824, aged 85; Hannah married — Bidwell; Ruth, married — Pattison. In 1767 the town voted to grant Thomas

Matson, Jr., to build a saw mill near his house, provided it did not obstruct the highway. This was near the mouth of Roaring Brook. Thomas Matson was in the lumber business, and went up the river and bought logs and rafted them down the river to a place they called log landing. He sold out, about 1801, and moved to Owego, N. Y., with his three sons and three daughters.

THOMAS MATSON, JR., son of Thomas and Rachel (Fox) Matson, born in Glastonbury, Ct., married, Jan. 14, 1767, Mary Goodrich, who was born Nov. 18, 1745. She was daughter of William and Rachel (Savage) Goodrich. Their children :

RACHEL, *m.* William Perkins; 2d husband, ——— Goodell.

GEORGE, *b.* April 20, 1774.

RUTH, *b.* Feb. 2, 1776; *m.* James Buck.

REUBEN, *b.* 1783; *d.* Oct. 21, 1879; *ag.* 96.

WILLIAM, *b.* Sept. 26, 1786; *d.* March 15, 1854.

MARY.

AMELIA, or MILLY, *m.* Elizur Risbey.

Thomas Matson's second wife was widow Mary (Kilboru) Pratt, who died in 1794. They had two daughters.

NANCY, *b.* June 9, 1791; *m.* Luman Brown.

FANNY, *b.* 1794; *d.* 1812.

His third wife was widow of Abijah Collins.

Thomas Matson died in Owego, N. Y., about 1812. He moved from Glastonbury, Ct., to Owego, about 1801, and with his three sons was engaged in milling business. After his death, his three sons—George, Reuben and William, carried on the business until about 1833, when they sold out. George settled in Ottawa, Ill. Reuben and William settled in Conneaut, Ohio.

GEORGE MATSON, son of Thomas and Mary (Goodrich) Matson, born April 20, 1774, in Glastonbury, Ct., died Sept. 10, 1846, in Ottawa, Ill.; married Rebecca Wheat, daughter of Solomon Wheat. She was born Oct. 17, 1783; died Jan. 1, 1859. Their children:

HARRIET, *b.* March 26, 1801.

HANNAH, *b.* July 21, 1803.

SOLOMON, *b.* Oct. 31, 1805.

HENRY, *b.* Feb. 3, 1808.

SILAS, *b.* June 14, 1810.

FANNY, *b.* March 16, 1813.

SIPHA, *b.* June 11, 1816.

MARY M., *b.* Oct. 14, 1817.

GEORGE, *b.* July 17, 1826.

HARRIET MATSON, daughter of George and Rebecca (Wheat) Matson, born in Glastonbury, Hartford Co., Ct., March 26, 1801, and went with her father to Owego, Tioga Co., N. Y., about 1801, where she married Daniel Rockwood, March 8, 1827. Harriet died Dec. 11, 1870. Daniel Rockwood, born Feb. 1, 1800, died June 24, 1873. They moved from New York to Pontiac, Ill., in 1834, when the country was new, and they had to endure many hardships. They had to go fifty miles to stores and a grist mill, and had to cart their grain to Chicago, 92 miles. With a good deal of ambition and self-denial, they built them up a good home, and died in good circumstances. Their children:

MARY ANN, *b.* March 11, 1828; *m.* Samuel Morrison; she *d.* Jan. 13, 1863.

FANNIE, *b.* Nov. 15, 1830; *m.* Orvil Burgit.

LOVICE, *b.* Nov. 21, 1832; *m.* J. B. Bruer.

GEORGE, *b.* Nov. 3, 1834.

REBEKAH, *b.* March 13, 1837; *m.* Orlin Converse.

HARRIET, *b.* March 11, 1839; *m.* William Bright.

HENRIETTA, *b.* Feb. 21, 1842; *m.* Nathan Hill.

SABIN, *b.* July 2, 1846; *d.* Aug. 16, 1846.

FANNIE ROCKWOOD, daughter of Harriet (Matson) and Daniel Rockwood, born Nov. 15, 1830; married Orvil Burgit; he died about 1884, at Rollins Prairie, near Beaver Dam, Wis. Their children:

LYDIA, *m.* ——— Brown.

EVASA.

ALSIE, *m.* ——— Campbell.

DELLA, *m.* ——— Vesper.

ELLA, *m.* ——— McNutt. They are all in California.

EMILY and ESTER, with their mother, expect to go in 1895.

LOVICE ROCKWOOD, daughter of Daniel and Harriet (Matson) Rockwood, born Nov. 21, 1832; died Aug. 15, 1894. She married John B. Bruer, April 15, 1852. He was quite a large farmer; he had about four hundred acres. After accumulating quite a little fortune he let his sons manage the farm, and he has bought a nice house in the city of Pontiac, and is living a retired life, having two of his unmarried daughters living with him. He had seven children:

GEORGE D., *b.* Nov. 8, 1853.

ASAHEL B., *b.* May 27, 1856.

JOHN C., *b.* May 2, 1858.

LOVICE, *b.* Feb. 20, 1860; *d.* Oct. 16, 1866.

MARY I., *b.* Jan. 17, 1863.

CARRIE L., *b.* Dec. 24, 1868.

CHARLES R., *b.* Nov. 16, 1870.

HANNAH MATSON, daughter of George and Rebecca (Wheat) Matson, born July 21, 1803; married Calvin Wooster, lived at Amboy, Ill. David Wooster, the oldest son, lives at Frisco, Crawford Co., Arkansas; has two sons and one daughter. Hamilton Wooster lived and died at Amboy. He had two sons, Charles and William, and two daughters; all live at Amboy. Their father died about 1885.

SOLOMON MATSON, born Oct. 31, 1805 ; supposed he was murdered in St. Louis, Mo., in 1828.

HENRY MATSON, born Feb. 3, 1808 ; died on his coconut and coffee plantation at Omoa, Honduras, 1869. He was a sutler in the Mexican war. He went out with a party, that were all killed but himself, at the time of the gold fever in California, in 1850. He drove a herd of cattle from Texas to San Francisco ; on the trip they had an encounter with the Indians during which his partner was killed and he fell heir to his partner's share. He invested in a large estate in California, 30,000 acres, in a place called Stockbridge ; the deed was in Spanish, and no good.

SILAS MATSON, born Jan 14, 1810, in Owego, N. Y., son of George and Rebecca (Wheat) Matson ; married Lydia Stanton, at Marseilles, Ill., Sept. 12, 1847. Lydia, born in Owego, N. Y., May 21, 1820 ; died June 4, 1888. She was sister to Edwin Stanton, father of Edwin M. Stanton, who was Secretary of War of the United States, at the time of Lincoln's administration. Their children :

GEORGE BYRON, *b.* Sept. 9, 1848, killed by the bursting of a shell in the caisson of the cannon on which he was sitting when crossing a railroad at Huntsville, Ala. April 11, 1864.

CHARLES HENRY, *b.* April 12, 1850 ; *unm.*

REBECCA ANN, *b.* March 31, 1852 ; *d.* Sept. 28, 1865.

MARY ALTHEA, *b.* Feb. 16, 1854 ; *unm.*

DAVID FARRIS, *b.* May 26, 1856 ; *unm.*

JEROME ORVELLE, *b.* Jan. 7, 1861 ; *unm.*

Silas Matson lives at Ottawa, Ill., on the place bought by his father, in 1835. It lies about one mile south of the Court House and the Illinois River, and is about 150 feet above the river, and has a fine, commanding view. He has sold sev-

eral acres for over three hundred dollars per acre, and has now 74 acres of very fine land. It is called Pleasant View Lawns.

FANNY MATSON, born March 16, 1813 ; died 1846 ; aged 33.

SIPHA MATSON, born June 11, 1816 ; married James Ball.

MARY M. MATSON, born Oct. 14, 1817 ; married William True.

GEORGE MATSON, born July 17, 1826 ; died 1839.

SIPHA MATSON, daughter of George and Rebecca (Wheat) Matson, born June 11, 1816 ; married James Ball. Their children :

ADELIA, *d.* 1865 ; *ag.* 13.

JENNIE, *m.* James Kellogg, of Lyons, Mich. They have one daughter, Nellie.

MARIA, *m.* Charles Templeton, of Myrtle, Iowa ; one daughter.

MARY M. MATSON, daughter of George and Rebecca, born Oct. 14, 1817 ; married William True, of Ottawa, Ill. ; moved to Chicago, 1870. They have four children : Libbie, Ella, Albert, and Charles ; all unmarried. Libbie is prominent in charity work ; handling in some years, \$15,000 of the various societies' funds of which she is treasurer. Albert and Charles form the True & True Co., Sash, Doors, Architectural Ornaments, &c. ; their business extends as far as the West Indies.

REUBEN MATSON, son of Thomas and Mary (Goodrich) Matson, born in Glastonbury, Ct., 1783 ; died Oct. 21, 1879, aged 96 ; married Lois Collins, daughter of Abijah Collins. Lois, born Jan. 9, 1782 ; died Dec. 14, 1853, aged 71. He went with his father to Owego, N. Y., about 1801 ; from

there he moved, in 1832, to Conneaut, Ohio, where he bought a farm about four miles west of the city. They had five sons and three daughters.

HORACE, *b.* May 2, 1801; *d.* July 18, 1803.

LAURA, *b.* Oct. 6, 1803; *m.* William Kelsey, Dec. 15, 1856; *d.* Dec. 6, 1885, *ag.* 82. She was a milliner.

HORACE, *b.* Feb. 11, 1806; *m.* Emma Lull. They had two children, George and Mary. He died March 29, 1886. A farmer.

JOHN, *b.* June 16, 1809; *d.* 1876 or 7; *m.* Sarah Ann Chapman, and had one girl, Sally Ann. Sarah *d.* June 16, 1835, *ag.* 25. John's second wife, Elizabeth Chase, had six children; three girls died young; Reuben, Willie, Orpha, by trade a tailor, lived at Russellburg, Pa.

DAVID, *b.* June 5, 1813; *m.* Harriet Brett. A druggist.

MARY, *b.* Aug. 22, 1815; *d.* April, 1816.

FREDRIC, *b.* Aug. 1, 1818; *m.* Cerena Hopkins; had four boys, one girl. Died 1879; lived at Gratiott, Wis. A wagon maker in Ohio; a farmer in Wisconsin.

CHARLOTTE, *b.* Nov. 20, 1820; *m.* June 25, 1838, J. D. Ransom. They have two boys and one girl. Frank, J. Clinton, and Ida.

Frank married and lives on the place that was Reuben Matson's, with his father, Ransom. They have forty acres of grass, twenty of corn, twenty of barley, twenty of wheat, and twenty of pasture land. He has one of the finest barns we saw in the West. All his crops and tools are kept under cover. P. O. address, Amboy, Ohio; it is about four miles west from Conneaut. Ida married J. L. Williams and lives near her father. J. Clinton resides at 2244 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore, Md.; he is associate editor of a paper.

WILLIAM MATSON, son of Thomas and Mary (Goodrich) Matson, born in Glastonbury, Ct., Sept. 26, 1786; died March 15, 1854; married Temperance Taylor, May 21, 1812; she died Feb. 14, 1850. Their children:

EMELINE, *b.* March 14, 1813; *d.* Nov. 2, 1858. *m.* Charles Hall, Feb. 21, 1833.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *b.* Oct. 29, 1815; *d.* June 1, 1839; *m.* Harriet Carpenter.

NORMAN, *b.* April 4, 1818; *d.* Sept. 30, 1892; *m.* Charlotte Adelaide Viets.

SYLVANUS FOX, *b.* March 3, 1823; *d.* Feb. 14, 1889; *m.* Angeline Putney, Jan. 1, 1850.

CATHERINE TAYLOR, *b.* Sept. 28, 1825; *m.* Charles Hall, Sept. 3, 1860.

RHODA MARIA, *b.* April 28, 1826; *m.* Rowley Kilborn July 18, 1847.

EZEKIEL L., *b.* Feb. 23, 1832; *m.* Catherine Fitz Randolph, 1856.

JOEL PAGE, twin to Ezekiel, *d.* 1833.

All born in Owego, N. Y.

CHARLES F., *b.* in Conneaut, Ohio, Aug. 11, 1834; *m.* Antoinette R. Williams, Sept. 22, 1863.

EMELINE MATSON, daughter of William and Temperance (Taylor) Matson, born Mar. 14, 1813; died Nov. 2, 1858; married Charles Hall, Feb. 21, 1833. They had two children; Charles William, born June 1, 1843; married Alice Osborn, April 10, 1867. Osee Matson, born Sept. 10, 1843; married Elizabeth Magee, April 23, 1873.

WILLIAM TAYLOR MATSON, son of William and Temperance (Taylor) Matson, born Oct. 29, 1815; died June 1, 1839, married Harriet Carpenter. They had one son, William Taylor Matson, Jr., born 1839; married and lives in Detroit, Michigan. A furniture dealer.

NORMAN MATSON, son of William and Temperance (Taylor) Matson, born in Owego, N. Y., April 4, 1818, and

removed with his parents to Conneaut, Ohio, in 1833; married Charlotte Adelaide Viets, Jan. 1, 1840, daughter of Roswell and Arabella Viets; died Sept. 30, 1892. Their children:

ALBERT EUGENE, *b.* 1841.

CHARLOTTE ARABELLA, *b.* May 10, 1844.

KATHERINE ADELAIDE, *b.* Jan. 20, 1849.

ELLA, *b.* July 17, 1853.

NORMAN MATSON, son of William and Temperance (Taylor) Matson, was married January 1st, 1840, to Miss Charlotte Adelaide Viets, at the residence of her father, on the lake shore, at Conneaut, Ohio. She was the daughter of Roswell and his wife Arabella (Granger) Viets. Roswell Viets was born in Connecticut, December 30th, 1784, was married to Arabella Granger, Sept. 27, 1814. Died Feb. 28, 1864, at Conneaut, Ohio. Arabella G. Viets, died May 27, 1824, at Conneaut, Ohio.

About 1847 Norman Matson with his wife, Charlotte, and two young children, went West, settled at Ottawa, LaSalle Co., Illinois, eighty-five miles south-west of Chicago. At that time the land upon which the city of Chicago now stands could have been bought for one dollar and a quarter an acre. Charlotte, his wife, died of typhoid fever, at her home, September 21, 1859, was buried in the South Ottawa cemetery, leaving four children.

In the fall of 1861 Norman enlisted in the 52nd regiment of Illinois Volunteers. Served nine months in the army when he received an honorable discharge, having lost his health. He suffered all the remaining years of his life with rheumatism. Died September 30, 1892, of heart failure, in his seventy-fourth year, was buried at Conneaut cemetery by the side of his parents. He was an honored member of the G. A. R.

Children of Norman and Charlotte Matson, grand children of William and Temperance Matson :

ALBERT EUGENE, first child of Norman and Charlotte Matson, was born at Conneaut, Ohio in 1841 ; was educated at Wheaton College, Illinois ; studied music at Bloomington, Ill. ; became a teacher of piano, organ, and violin, also of voice culture ; composed and published some war songs in the sixties, later published church music, songs and some instrumental music. Early in the seventies he was graduated from the Union Park Theological Seminary, of Chicago ; was for some years minister of Congregational church in Illinois. Has for the last twenty years written articles, essays, poems, etc., for various Christian papers and magazines. Has spent the most of his time for the last ten years in Southern California. He is an highly educated, intelligent, conscientious man.

CHARLOTTE ARABELLA (Matson) GREGORY, second child of Norman and Charlotte Matson, was born at Conneaut, Ohio, May 10, 1844 ; was taken West, when a young child, by her parents. After her mother's death, in 1859, she went to Rockford, Illinois, where she made her home with her uncle, E. L. Matson's family ; finished her education at the high school ; taught school, and was married Nov. 6, 1862, to Stephen Delos Gregory (born March 2, 1834), eldest son of Samuel Gregory, one of the old and most highly respected citizens of Rockford. They own a beautiful home in the suburbs of Rockford, where they have brought up a family of six children. She has been wife and mother in the highest, noblest sense, and richly deserves the devotion accorded her by her family and friends. Mr. Gregory is a well informed, highly respected, honorable man, has

made farming his life work and managed it in a masterly way.

KATHERINE ADELAIDE (Matson) VIETS, third child of Norman and Charlotte Matson, was born at Ottawa, Illinois, January 20, 1849; was educated at Wheaton College, Illinois; was married December 22, 1869, to Byron B Viets, son of Barzillia G. Viets and Hannah (Bushnell) Viets. Barzillia Viets was born at East Windsor, Connecticut, Feb. 5, 1818; married to Hannah Bushnell, May 20, 1840; died at Conneaut, Ohio, June 14, 1885. Hannah Bushnell was born at Hartland, Connecticut, June 9, 1820; died at Conneaut, Ohio, September 17, 1890.

Byron Viets was educated at Kingsville Academy, and Michigan University, was graduated from the Cleveland Homœopathic Hospital College in 1880; four years later was graduated from New York Ophthalmic College; is now practicing as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist in Cleveland, Ohio; office 176 Euclid Avenue, residence 768 Genesee Avenue. He is editor of the Medical Indicator, Professor of Ophthalmology and Otology in the Cleveland Medical College, President of the staff of the Huron Street Hospital, Lecturer on diseases of the ear in the training school for nurses. Doctor Viets' almost phenomenal success in the practice of medicine is due in part to his frank, honorable way of treating his patients, commanding their confidence and respect, and also to the fact that the doctor is thoroughly prepared to practice his specialty. After graduating he spent three years in the hospitals of New York and Europe. Byron and Katie Viets have two children.

Grand children of Norman Matson, children of Byron B. and Katherine A. Viets.

VERONIA EVELYN VIETS, eldest child of Byron and Katie Viets, was born November 2, 1877, at Conneaut, Ohio; was graduated from the grammar school of Cleveland, Ohio, at the age of fourteen; was proficient in music. She spent her sixteenth year (1894) at Lake Erie Seminary, Painesville, Ohio, taking a special course of music and voice culture.

VINETA ANNA VIETS, second child of Byron and Katie Viets, was born May 20, 1880, at Ashtabula, Ohio; was graduated from the Cleveland grammar school at the age of thirteen; is also proficient in music.

Grand children of Norman and Charlotte Matson, children of S. Delos and Bell Gregory:

FRANK ALBERT GREGORY, eldest child of Delos and Bell Gregory, was born at Rockford, Illinois, May 19, 1864; was educated at home schools. Chose farming as his business; went to South Dakota, where he now owns a fine farm; was married March 26, 1891, to Miss Anna B. Moe, at Fairview, South Dakota. They have one child, Myrtle M. Gregory, born Aug. 26, 1892. Their home is near Alexandria, in Hanson Co.

KATIE MATSON GREGORY, second child of Delos and Bell Gregory; was born at Rockford, Illinois Aug. 29, 1865; was educated at the home schools; has been a noble example of devotion to her mother and family.

CHARLES DELOS GREGORY, third child of Delos and Bell Gregory, was born at Rockford, Illinois, Dec. 26, 1867, was educated at home schools.

ELLA BELL GREGORY, fourth child of Delos and Bell Gregory, was born at Rockford, Illinois, Dec. 8, 1871; died Aug. 16, 1872.

CHARLOTTE BELL GREGORY, fifth child of Delos and Bell Gregory, was born at Rockford, Illinois, Oct. 14, 1874; was educated at home schools and at the high school of Rockford; has thoroughly prepared herself for teaching; has taught one year. Plays the organ well.

HERBERT J. GREGORY, sixth child of Delos and Bell Gregory, was born at Rockford, Sept. 8, 1877; is attending the Rockford high school.

IRVIN GREGORY, seventh child of Delos and Bell Gregory, was born at Rockford, Jan. 28, 1883.

ELLA MATSON, daughter of Norman and Charlotte Viets Matson, born in Ottawa, Ill., July 17, 1853. Soon after the death of her mother, in 1859, she went to live with her aunt Catherine (Matson) Hall, in Conneaut, Ohio, who is in good circumstances, has a very nice place, and has made a pleasant home for Ella. It was there she became acquainted with and married Albert B. Pitcher, Dec. 27, 1873. They have one daughter, Catherine Hall Pitcher, born Sept. 21, 1882.

CATHERINE TAYLOR (MATSON) HALL, daughter of William and Temperance (Taylor) Matson, born in Owego, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1825; moved with her parents to Conneaut, Ohio, in 1833; married Charles Hall, Sept. 3, 1860. She resides in Conneaut, and has a very fine place in the centre of the city. Her husband was one of the leading men of the city and kept a large store of goods and was one of the leading merchants of that growing city; when he died he left quite a large estate. He married for his first wife, Emeline Matson, by whom he had two children:

CHARLES WILLIAM, *b.* June 1, 1843; *m.* Alice Osborn, April 10, 1867.

ORSEE MATSON, *b.* in Conneaut, Sept. 10, 1845; *m.* Elizabeth Magee, April 23, 1873.

RHODA MARIA (Matson) KILBORN, daughter of William and Temperance (Taylor) Matson, born April 28, 1828 ; has one child, Clara Emeline, born June 24, 1852 ; married Clarence A. Kneeland.

EZEKIEL LOVEJOY MATSON, son of William and Temperance (Taylor) Matson, born in Owego Co., N. Y., Feb. 23, 1832 ; married Catherine FitzRandolph, 1856, daughter of James and Rebecca FitzRandolph. He moved with his parents to Conneaut, Ohio, in 1833 or 4 ; from there he moved in Aug. or Sept. 1858, to Rockford, Ill., and has lived in and around Rockford to the present time, and now is residing at 1135 Grant Avenue, and has the largest home bakery there is in the city, and, with his wife and daughter Lizzie, is doing an extensive business. He has the real New England enterprise and push about him. His place is situated about one-half a mile from, and about one hundred feet above Rock River, commands a fine view of the city, and is in that part of the city that is building up very fast. The electric cars run one block east of his place. They have three children :

CLARA ELIZABETH, *b.* in Conneaut, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1858.

CHARLES WILLIAM, *b.* in Rockford, Ill., Winnebago Co., Jan. 10, 1862.

EMMA KATE, *b.* in New Milford, March 26, 1867.

CLARA ELIZABETH MATSON, daughter of Ezekiel L. and Catherine (FitzRandolph) Matson, married Frank W. Brock, Sept. 17, 1878, and has four children :

EMMA LOUISA, *b.* Nov. 13, 1879, in Rockford, Ill.

HERBERT MATSON, *b.* Jan. 14, 1882, in Rockford, Ill.

CLARA MADGE, *b.* June 11, 1884, in Kirkland, DeKalb Co., Ill.

CHARLES ARTHUR, *b.* Oct. 27, 1886, in Hermosa, Chicago.

CHARLES WILLIAM MATSON, son of Ezekiel and Catherine (FitzRandolph) Matson, born in Rockford, Ill., Jan. 10, 1862; married Myrtle Wood, daughter of George W. Wood, March 2, 1886, in Erie, Whiteside Co., Ill.; took his bride to Montclare, Cook Co., resided there two years; then removed to California, resided there two years; then removed to Tacoma, Washington, where they now reside. He is Receiving Teller in the Pacific National Bank. They have one daughter, Urma Catherine, born Dec., 1889.

EMMA KATE MATSON, born in New Milford, March 26, 1867, daughter of Ezekiel and Catherine (FitzRandolph) Matson; married Charles Edward Cutter, Oct. 7, 1891. He was born in Chicago, 1868 or 9. They have one son, Charles Edward, Jr., born in Detroit, Mich., Nov. 26, 1892. They now reside at 773 Aubert Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Cutter is connected with the Associated Press.

CHARLES FRANKLIN MATSON, son of William and Temperance (Taylor) Matson, born Aug. 11, 1834, in Conneaut, Ohio; married Antoinette R. Williams, Sept. 22, 1863, born Nov. 26, 1840, daughter of Harvey and Sarah Williams. They are pleasantly situated at 75 State Street, Conneaut City. He is a tin-smith by trade. They have two children. Archie Emery, and Frank Leon.

ARCHIE EMERY MATSON, son of Charles F. and Antoinette R. (Williams) Matson, born Sept. 9, 1864, in Conneaut, Ohio, and married Eva Stratton, June 27, 1886; have three children: Willie E., born Dec. 7, 1887; Homer Leon, born March 20, 1891; Florence Estella, born Aug. 4, 1893.

FRANK LEON MATSON, son of Charles F. and Antoinette R. (Williams) Matson, born March 3, 1868; married Louise

Eberle, Sept. 22, 1892, and have one child, Louis Leon, born June 16, 1893. He is a silver-smith by trade, and will make a watch run and keep good time when the other fellow cannot do it. They reside at Conneaut, Ohio.

NANCY MATSON, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Kilborn Pratt) Matson, born in Glastonbury, Ct., June 9, 1791; married Luman Brown, in Owego, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1818, where Frances Mary was born, June 19, 1819. Soon after they moved to Augusta, Oneida Co., where Emily Susan, Phoebe Louisa, and Eliza Ann were born. They lived in Augusta until 1838.

FRANCES MARY BROWN, married Morris Hurd, 1861, a farmer who lived in Springfield, Erie Co., Pa., and died Aug. 16, 1887.

(Copy of a letter sent by Frances Mary Hurd.)

GIRARD, ERIE CO., PA., Aug. 7, '94.

Dear Cousin Kate:

I received yours this A. M. and now, this P. M., am trying to answer it the best I can. I suppose you know as much about the first wife and family of grandfather Matson as I do, and perhaps more. It seems there were a number of children: George, Reuben, William, the boys; Rachel, Ruth, Mary, Amelia, the girls; I do not know how their ages come in, and then their mother died and then grandfather Matson married Mrs. Mary Pratt. Her mother was a Kilborn. They had two children, Nancy (my mother) and Fanny. Nancy was born June 9, 1791, and Fanny was three years younger. Their mother died when Fanny was born. After that grandfather married a widow Collins, she brought her daughter Lois into the family, who afterwards married Reuben Matson. My mother was born in Glastonbury, Ct. I suppose that is where they moved from to Owego when my mother was ten years old, which would be in 1801. My mother had an uncle Elizur Tryon who was

very wealthy ; he was a vessel builder and had ships at sea. His wife was grandmother's sister. They wanted grandfather Matson to leave the little girls with them ; they would take care of them and school them ; but grandfather would not leave them ; they thought it was too bad to take them to a new wild country. They moved in wagons covered over, and took their provisions with them, and when they run short would stop at some farm house and bake a new supply. In one place they were asked where they were going ; when told to Owego, they said they were going right into hell. The two oldest brothers, George and Reuben, were married before they moved to Owego. They bought a farm in company and settled down in old log houses and all worked together and each had a share. They built a grist and saw-mill and built or bought a clothing mill, with a carding machine, the first in the country up to that time. The women had to card the wool into rolls and do their spinning and weaving for all the family use ; they had to prepare flax for summer clothing and for sheets and pillow slips. The first two mills were on Owego Creek, a short distance from the Susquehanna River ; the last named was about one mile up the creek. The grist mill was the only one in a large region of country ; people came from what was then called Genesee country ; it was a two or three days' journey. They took four horses and a very large wagon, called Pennsylvania wagons, nearly as large as a scow boat, and brought grists for themselves and neighbors. They always stayed until their load was ground ; often two days. Their school was kept in an old log house, which was not very well lighted, the windows were very small and greased paper, used for light. My mother was sent to school long enough to learn to read and write and that had to finish up her education. Her sister Fanny was said to be a very beautiful singer ; she caught cold which run her into the consumption ; the Dr. gave her calomel which caused her joints to come apart ; she was a great sufferer and passed away at the age of 18 years. The two brothers had large families. Grandfather and mother lived with Reuben, and my mother did a large share of the work when she was at home. They done a

good deal of business with the saw mill every spring and sometimes in the summer ; they made rafts and floated them down to Baltimore, sold their lumber and then had to walk home over the mountains. The mountains were a place of resort for thieves and murderers. Once, while crossing the mountains, they heard wolves howling at a distance ; they hurried along as fast as they could and soon they heard them again nearer, and so for a number of times ; they made out to reach the river and swam across it and when they reached the opposite shore the wolves were just across the river where they started from ; as the wolves are no swimmers they were out of danger. Once they stopped at a log cabin to stay over night and had to climb up a ladder to get into the chamber ; one of them could not sleep ; there were men talking down stairs ; one man put his head above the floor two or three times to see if they were asleep, the wakeful one raised his head to let him know he was awake. Once he heard a woman say : " O don't, for God's sake, don't ! " About midnight it was still down stairs, so they got up and slipped down the ladder as noiselessly as they could and left the place ; after they had started, they saw the men back a piece from the house, digging a grave ; they expected they were digging it to put them into it.

Sometimes when their wives wanted something extra nice to wear, they bought the goods in Baltimore ; what one had the other had to have for the lumber was company stock. They had each of them a very beautiful satin cloak trimmed with very rich lace, and once George saw a very beautiful pink and white damask silk shawl and bought it on the sly ; when he got home they both wanted the shawl ; one had just as good a right to it as the other had ; they could not agree about it, so they gave it to my mother. This was all before your father was married. I do not know when or where Aunt Amelia or Milly as she was called was married ; whether in Ct. or Owego. She was courted by a very nice young man and expected to have him, and some one was mean enough to tell her that her lover would drink and get drunk, and gave him a terrible setting out. She felt just used up over it, and thought if he was so mean she did not

want him and dismissed him. She found out when it was too late, that her lover had been lied about, and he was just the nice man she had supposed him to be, and he felt very bad to be thus dropped by her. (How very mean such liars and mischief makers are to fairly wreck the lives of two devoted ones.) She said she would marry the first one that came along. Elizur Risley happened to be the one; he was peddling iron ware and happened to see her and took a liking to her; she had a refined way with her, but there was not much of it about him. She always seemed to have a sad look. He took her to her future home in Madison town and Co., N. Y.; the country was new and she had to endure many hardships, never making any complaints. They had a number of children: Louisa, Sherman, Fanny, Amelia, Ruby, Allen, Clarinda, Harriet, Laura, and Charles. Louisa married her cousin, Elizur Risley, lived and died in or near Madison; Amelia married Welcome Chapman; they finally went to Utah, where she died; Ruby married — Tallcot; Harriet married — Troop; the last two went to Michigan and died there. Clarinda married — Abbert, they lived and died in Madison. Allen married, lived and died in Brookfield; Sherman, Fanny and Laura never married, and died on the old homestead. Charles married and is now living in Hamilton Village, Madison Co., N. Y.

Aunt Amelia had to make cloth for both summer and winter wear; for summer she made copperas color and blue linen and check, and when the children were half grown, about this time, the cotton factory was started in New Hartford; they could spin the yarn, but had not the machinery for weaving, and so put the weaving out, and would give half of the cloth to pay for the weaving, or would give half of the yarn. Aunt and Uncle Risley went to Owego after my mother to go up there to take in weaving, they thought it would be quite a help to both of them. Mother went and they divided the yarn some of the time and sometimes divided the cloth, they colored the yarn and made it into plaid for dresses, so aunt had herself and the girls nicely clothed, and it was much better than to have to spin the linen. My mother stayed there about one year, then went back to her father,

in Owego. Soon after that her father had a paralytic stroke which was the cause of his death. William, I think, was married not far from this time to Miss Temperance Taylor. As I have no Matson family record, except my mother's birth, I cannot put in many exact dates, but will tell by circumstances. After her father's death she became acquainted with and married Luman Brown, Sept. 4, 1818; they lived near the village about one and one-half years, where I was born June 19, 1819; then they moved to Augusta, Oneida Co., N. Y., where he worked at his trade, cabinet work, and in the latter part of the winter making spinning wheels. Every woman spun yarn (that was not street yarn) in those days. They had four girls: Frances Mary (myself), Emeline Susan, Phebe Louisa, and Eliza Ann. We lived in Augusta until 1838, the year before father got the western fever; he started about the first of May, and thought of going to Chicago; he went in the first boat that started out of Buffalo, the lake was pretty full of ice, and he took a very bad cold. He intended to stop at Conneaut and see the friends and then go through to Chicago, as it was said work was plenty there and good wages. Cabinet work did not bring as good pay as joiner or house building, so for a few years he had worked at house building in the summer time. Uncle Reuben Matson was going to have a house built in the village and persuaded him to stay and build it, so he never went to Chicago, he went home late in the fall. In the winter David Matson wrote that Conneaut was booming, and made out that business was great, and thought that father had better come here in the spring; father had not got over the Chicago fever, but he gave in, thinking if there was as much being done as David said, perhaps he would do as well there as in Chicago. After we landed in Conneaut, and were going up to your father's, and saw everything looking as it did in the fall, when he left there, he felt very much disappointed, for there was nothing going on there. He hardly knew what to do; but he was there, and finally he bought a frame and your father let him have a small lot to put a house on, and we lived in your old house while he was getting that ready to go into. If it had not been for David's letter, very likely we should

have gone to Chicago. I think, now, that would have been the best place for us; but it was not so to be. I went to learn a trade of Laura and worked for her three summers at millinery work, after that worked on my own hook. My sisters learned to braid palm leaf hats, which had a ready sale, and after a while learned to make cigars. Mother had a new rag carpet woven in regular stripes, so they would match when sewed together; that set every one in a rage to have her weave them a carpet, and to have the stripes to match, and that made plenty of business for her. Sister Phœbe was married Jan. 4, 1844, to Silas Green, a farmer; Sister Emeline had the consumption and died Oct. 6, 1847; Eliza was married Dec. 10, 1850, to Cyrus Reid, a painter by trade; they now live in Michigan, on a small farm; I was quite an old maid, lived at home most of the time, except one summer, I became acquainted with a wealthy Southern lady that wanted me to go to her home in Louisville, Ky. She would and did pay my fare there and back again, and in 1861 I married Mr. Morris Hurd, a farmer, and lived in Springfield, Erie Co., Pa., until he died, August 16, 1887. He liked to travel and visit some; we went to the Centennial in 1876, and to Washington, to Brooklyn, to Madison, then home, in that trip. I think I have been in Hamilton, Canada, five or six times. We made one trip to Rochester, Minn., and to Excelsior, around Lake Minnatonka, to Minneapolis, back to Rochester, to Grand Blanc, Mich., then home, and many other trips I have taken, so I have not always stayed at home. Sister Phœbe died with a cancer Jan. 8, 1889, and now I am living in Girard, Erie Co., Pa., taking all the comfort I can in my old age, all alone.

FRANCES MARY HURD.

I have not found any record of the family of Amos Matson.

The family of Joseph Matson are still living in and around Glastonbury, Ct.

SKETCH OF THE ABNER HALL FAMILY.

Abner Hall (son of Abner Hall), born in Chatham, Ct., April 11, 1801; died April 17, 1885; married Eliza Butler, born in Portland, Ct., Oct. 11, 1801; died June 23, 1874, aged 72. A farmer, and lived in the north-east part of Portland. Their children.

MARTHA, *b.* Feb. 21, 1822 *m.* H. E. Rogers of South Manchester, 1844; there were two children by this marriage: Arthur H., *b.* 1847; *d.* Dec. 26, 1891; *ag.* 44. Lunetta, *b.* Jan. 20, 1851; *d.* Jan. 2, 1864; *ag.* 13.

ELIZA ANN, *b.* Nov. 21, 1823; *m.* H. B. Buck, March 2, 1845.

ABNER, JR., *b.* May 14, 1825; *d.* Sept. 4, 1868; *m.* Mary Ann Taylor

BETSEY C., *b.* Feb. 21, 1827; *d.* Feb. 20, 1864; *m.* — Hastings, of Rocky Hill. She had three children: Dwight, Hattie, and Frederick who died.

CHARLES, *b.* Jan. 24, 1829.

WILLIAM, *b.* April 13, 1831; *d.* July 31, 1835.

FREDERICK A., *b.* June 26, 1833; farmer, and *unm.*

JANE E., *b.* Nov. 4, 1835; *d.* July 4, 1882.

MARY ELLEN, *b.* May 12, 1838; *m.* Amos Nelson Cornwall.

HARRIET, *b.* Nov. 29, 1840; *unm.*

EMMA, *b.* Dec. 6, 1842; *unm.*

ADELAIDE, *b.* June 10, 1845; *d.* Aug. 19, 1845.

CHARLES HALL, son of Abner and Eliza (Butler) Hall, born Jan. 24, 1839, in Portland, Ct.: married Abbie Jane

Wells, born Dec. 13, 1833, daughter of Roswell and Ann (Barns) Wells, Sept. 19, 1851 ; children :

CHARLES ALLEN, *b.* March 26, 1857 ; *d.* March 18, 1863.

LILLIAN ESTELLE, *b.* Oct. 20, 1859 ; *m.* Henry Lamartine Webster, in Rockville, Nov. 9, 1882 ; *b.* in South Royalston, Mass., Feb. 26, 1848 ; *res.* Philadelphia, Pa.

ABBIE JANE, *b.* March 24, 1862 ; *m.* David Hollister, South Glastonbury, Dec. 29, 1881, *b.* June 20, 1852.

MARY ELLEN HALL, daughter of Abner and Eliza (Butler) Hall, born May 12, 1838 ; married Amos Nelson Cornwall, Nov. 28, 1859, born Sept. 4, 1838 ; son of Amos and Sybil Cornwall ; a farmer, lives on the east side of the meadows on Rose Hill ; tobacco is one of the principal crops. Children :

MARY ELIZABETH, *b.* Dec. 16, 1860, 10 A. M. ; *d.* Feb. 1, 1869.

ABNER NELSON, *b.* Feb. 12, 1863. 4 P. M.

JOHN, *b.* 4 P. M. Mar. 3, 1865.

EBER SAMUEL, *b.* 10 A. M. Jan. 4, 1869.

HORACE BUCK, *b.* 10 P. M. June 20, 1872.

IRA JASON, *b.* 9 A. M. Nov. 21, 1874.

NELLIE ELIZA, *b.* 8 P. M. Feb. 26, 1879 ; *d.* Sept. 15, 1894.

ABNER NELSON CORNWALL, son of Amos Nelson and Mary (Hall) Cornwall, born 4 P. M. Feb. 12, 1863 ; married Carrie L. Tryon, May 26, 1892 ; born May 27, 1864 ; daughter of Washington and Janet (Wright) Tryon.

JOHN CORNWALL, born March 3, 4 P. M., 1865, son of Amos Nelson and Mary (Hall) Cornwall ; married Annie (Rathbun) Tuttle March 14, 1889, born May 17, 1863, daughter of Charles and Angeline (Wells) Rathbun.

